
Introduced by Senator Hancock

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 15—Relative to the Postal Service
Protection Act of 2013.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SJR 15, as introduced, Hancock. Postal Service Protection Act of
2013.

This measure would urge the United States Congress to pass the Postal
Service Protection Act of 2013 in order to ensure the modernization
and preservation of the United States Postal Service.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Postal Service Protection Act of 2013 would
2 sustain the United States Postal Service and avert unnecessary
3 closures that hurt communities; and
4 WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service’s financial issues
5 are due to unnecessary requirements and regulations imposed on
6 it. The Postal Service Protection Act of 2013 would remove
7 burdensome regulations, so the United States Postal Service can
8 manage its budget more effectively and be more competitive with
9 other delivery service providers; and
10 WHEREAS, The Postal Service Protection Act of 2013 would
11 prohibit cuts to Saturday delivery, thus reducing the need for
12 customers to seek other delivery options; and

1 WHEREAS, Cuts to Saturday delivery would disproportionately
2 impact rural communities, small businesses, and senior citizens;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The Postal Service Protection Act of 2013 would
5 allow the United States Postal Service to look for innovative new
6 ways to generate revenue by allowing them to provide additional
7 services, including notarizing documents, issuing hunting and
8 fishing licenses, and allowing shipments of wine and beer; and

9 WHEREAS, The Postal Service Protection Act of 2013 would
10 establish a commission of successful business innovators and
11 representatives to explore other ways the United States Postal
12 Service could generate new revenue and thrive in the 21st century;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The Postal Service Protection Act of 2013 would
15 reinstate overnight delivery standards to speed mail delivery and
16 prevent shutdowns of mail sorting centers; and

17 WHEREAS, The Postal Service Protection Act of 2013 would
18 provide additional oversight and transparency to the United States
19 Postal Service's plan to close, relocate, or sell 3,270 post offices,
20 including historic buildings in the Cities of Berkeley, Burlingame,
21 Fullerton, Glendale, Huntington Beach, La Jolla, Palo Alto,
22 Redlands, Santa Barbara, Santa Monica, South Gate, Ukiah, and
23 Venice; and

24 WHEREAS, The Postal Service Protection Act of 2013 would
25 protect rural and historic post offices by putting in place a fair and
26 open process before the United States Postal Service could sell or
27 consolidate invaluable property assets; now, therefore, be it

28 *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of*
29 *California, jointly*, That the Legislature urges the United States
30 Congress to pass the Postal Service Protection Act of 2013, Senate
31 Bill 316, sponsored by Senator Bernard Sanders, and House Bill
32 630, sponsored by Representative Peter DeFazio, that would ensure
33 the modernization and preservation of the United States Postal
34 Service; and be it further

35 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
36 this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
37 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the
38 Majority Leader of the Senate, to each Senator and Representative
39 from California in the Congress of the United States, to the United

- 1 States Postmaster General, and to the author for appropriate
- 2 distribution.

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